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Mississippi

Majority prices were unchanged in the West and lower elsewhere when compared to last week prices. Trade sentiment was steady to weak in the Midwest, about steady to barely steady in the East and generally steady in the West. Retail and food service demand was light to instances fairly good, best for featured items and fast food promotions. Supplies ranged adequate to fully adequate for the light and selective interest. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was no better than fair for early-week trading. Breast items were mixed, but at least adequate with limited interest. Wings were adequate to tight and moving satisfactorily and dark meat was more than sufficient. In productions areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights varied, but were mostly desirable.

<u>FINAL BROILER FRYER</u> Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 29-SEP-2008 (cents per lb)

	US grade A : Composite						
Areas	Majority W	td Avg	Lds	:W	/td Avg	Lds	
Boston/New England	TFEWR			:	71.38	13	
Chicago	60.00-66.00	64.37	27	:	64.45	61	
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			:	58.71	7	
Denver	95.50	95.50	9	:	95.28	10	
Detroit	70.00-71.00	70.78	9	:	69.76	49	
Los Angeles	96.00	92.87	61	:	89.98	147	
New York	64.00-67.00	65.62	21	:	70.40	55	
Philadelphia	63.50-65.00	64.27	11	:	65.73	22	
Pittsburgh	63.00-66.00	64.45	11	:	74.06	50	
St. Louis	62.50-63.75	62.88	19	:	65.00	28	
San Francisco	96.50	94.37	34	:	99.85	87	
Co	Composite Weighted Average						
Loads 09/29/08 C	hange Last WI	k 09/22/0	08		10/01/07		
529 76.66	56	77.	22		70.66		

WOG Broilers - (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and ltl quantities:

Lds Marketing Regions **Majority** Wtd Avg Eastern 70.00-72.00 71.26 29 Central 56.00-72.00 65.49 70 67.00-80.00 78.82 Western 56 Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

85.00-88.00

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **88.00** cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/12 to 3 pound birds.

86.78

90

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG
LOADS RANGE FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,074 64.00-88.75 86.18
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed

		WTD AVG	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS PE	R POUND)	(000) POUNDS)
LINE RUN TE	NDERS	173.00	1,428
BREASTS - B	s/S	139.00	5,932
BREASTS - V	VHOLE	82.50	1,498
THIGH MEAT	- B/S	130.50	1,189
THIGHS		63.00	627
DRUMSTICK	S	72.00	841
LEG QUARTE	ERS	56.00	9,595
WINGS		99.00	2,764
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NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best with most dealers cautious entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were available and slow to clear. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, wings were well clearing satisfactorily; boneless skinless breasts were more than sufficient and bone-in breast were noted in better balance. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate for current needs.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady. Demand following the weekend was fair at best with light trading. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair for early-week trading. Breast items were better balance to sufficient and wings were in good supply and moving well. Dark meat items were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION Final majority prices were at unchanged levels. Trading reported on regular commitments at mainly unchanged to instances lower prices; new negotiations were at mixed levels. Offerings were in close balance to fully adequate. Heavy weights were often discounted with light weights confidently held. Retailer demand was fairly good overall; best where present promotions and future features planned. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down .16 to 70.90 and the volume reported was up 11 percent at 40 loads.

MIDWEST REGION Final majority prices moved lower into Midwest markets; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to weak. Offerings were fully adequate for trade call. Retail and food service demand was light to instances fairly good. Floor stocks were closely balanced to long; weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade was best for wings, which were tight to short; other parts were available and clearance was spotty. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, barely steady to steady on breast cuts, and steady to weak on dark meat items.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair entering the week. Seller offerings were fully adequate to available for the slow buyer interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable. Processing schedules ranged moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 66 to 80 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to available. Wings were in good balance to well cleared. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DEILVEERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FORM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE 55-89
WEIGHTED AVERAGE (A)
NO. OF BOXES (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was generally no better than fair entering week as dealers assess market conditions. Boneless skinless breasts were available with light movement; bone-in breasts and most dark meat cuts were sufficient for current needs. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was at least steady for wings; generally steady for the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
ITEM NEGOTIATED	TRADING*	AVG**	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120-125	111.84	505,480
TENDERLOINS	120-125	121.04	110,480
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	75.17	74,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	65.06	59,400
LEGS	71-72	70.78	137,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	54-55	54.61	437,920
DRUMSTICKS	65-66	77.39	40,040
THIGHS	60-61	72.05	50,122
B/S THIGHS	128-129	130.59	29,940
WINGS (WHOLE)	97-98	102.74	151,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPI	PED) 12-14	14.67	10,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	43.51	5,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.44	11,160
NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITA	AN AREA, north	ern NJ, MA, C	CT, RI, & PA
(NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG	i).		

^{*} TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER PARTS FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

PO	UNDS			WTD
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG
BREAST - B/S	982	99.00-162.00	99-100	107.31
TENDERLOINS	646	102.00-205.00	102-108	106.40
BREAST - WITH RIBS	Т	OO FEW TO REP	ORT -	
FRONT HALVES	Т	OO FEW TO REP	ORT -	
LEGS	Т	OO FEW TO REP	ORT -	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)) T	OO FEW TO REP	ORT -	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,139	45.00-59.00	54-55	54.59
WINGS (WHOLE)	1,245	82.00-98.00	95-97	95.73
DRUMSTICKS	Т	OO FEW TO REP	ORT -	
THIGHS	1,611	54.00-65.00	54-56	55.87

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

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<u>E5</u>	HIMAIE	ACTUAL	AVG WIS	ACTUAL	AVG WIS
	09/29	09/25	09/25	09/22	09/18
Alabama	4,189	4,133	5.33	4,233	5.34
Arkansas	4,822	5,147	5.50	4,728	5.57
Delmarva	2,217	2,280	6.00	2,227	5.87
KY-LA-TN	2,304	2,256	5.17	2,321	5.11
Mississippi	2,961	3,020	5.82	2,953	5.87
North Carolina	a 2,827	2,780	6.91	2,467	6.84
Texas	2,572	2,663	5.27	2,655	5.40
Total	21,892	22,279	5.68	21,584	5.68
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⁽A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS
LENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

PO	UNDS			WTD		
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG		
BREAST - B/S	273	100.00-186.00	-	120.25		
TENDERLOINS	151	103.00-189.00	-	113.07		
BREAST - LINE RUN	T	OO FEW TO REP	ORT			
FRONT HALVES	FRONT HALVES TOO FEW TO REPORT					
LEGS	183	64.00-70.00	67-69	68.01		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	416	50.00-56.00	53-54	53.51		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	797	52.00-57.00	55-56	55.17		
WINGS (WHOLE)	105	77.00-91.00	-	85.67		
WINGS (CUT)	100	92.00-103.00	-	98.60		
DRUMSTICKS	T	OO FEW TO REP	ORT			
THIGHS	T	OO FEW TO REP	ORT			
B/S THIGHS	T	OO FEW TO REP	ORT			
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Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Sep 22, 2008 -- F.O.B. Dock RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE 56.00 - 61.50 58.87 58.98

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES
DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI
WEEK OF 29 SEP-2008 TO 03-OCT-2008, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	97.00 - 119.00	97.00 -109.00
TENDERLOINS	103.00 - 135.00	119.00 -125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	54.00 - 87.00	64.00 - 84.00
LEGS	69.00 - 76.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47.00 - 63.00	54.00 - 56.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	54.00 - 62.00	56.00 - 58.00
DRUMSTICKS	54.00 - 75.00	-
THIGHS	44.00 - 70.00	-
B/S THIGHS	123.00 - 132.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	87.00 - 103.00	95.00 -103.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 29.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 59.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	100.5-117.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	104-122
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

RABBITS-CUT UP

FRESH FRYERS	109-119
ROASTERS 4# & UP	125-135
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY,

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS					
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	123			
	ICE PACK	159			
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK				
	DRY PACK	117			
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	112			
	ICE PACK	114			
DUCKS	23	5-252			

^{**} WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

⁽B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Sep 2008 is estimated to be 32,753,000 up 1.12 percent from a week ago. and down 2.6 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,389,000 last year 33,626,000)

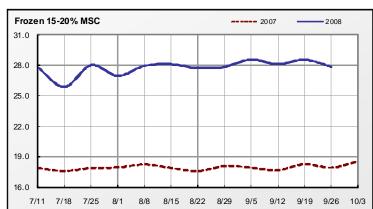
NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

(FOB Shipper Dock or equiv., negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb. quantities, cents/lb.; delivery within 2 weeks.)

The MSC market tone continues steady to fully steady. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were mostly adequate; frozen close. Demand for fresh and frozen product was fair to instances good. Supplies of raw materials remained tight. Domestic and export trading was fair to good with most inquiry from Mexico and Central American and Caribbean countries. Schedules were seasonally normal. Very few buyers and sellers have begun 2009 contract negotiation discussions these past couple weeks with little to report. The majority are waiting until October and November to begin, though it is on everyone's minds. Frame values ranged 7 to 13 cents FOB, mostly 8 to 10 cents FOB.

Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

		Frozen			Fresh	
Fat Content	26-Sep-08	Last Week	Last Year	26-Sep-08	Last Week	LastYear
15% or Less						
Price Range			18.00-21.00	27.00 - 27.50	27.00 - 27.50	15.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price			18.40	27.14	27.13	15.89
Volum e Traded	-	-	302	282	302	354
Volume Exported	-	-	262	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	25.00 - 30.00	25.00 - 35.00	16.00-21.00	17.50 - 27.00	18.00 - 27.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	27.85	28.53	17.94	21.47	21.99	11.59
Volume Traded	1,404	1,926	1,068	3,711	3,209	1,930
Volume Exported	1,364	1,726	988	1,155	1,223	654
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	21.00	21.00	13.50-14.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	21.00	21.00	13.75
Volume Traded	-	-	-	80	80	162
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

		Frozen			Fresh	
Fat Content	Aug 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2007	Aug 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2007
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	29.00	30.00	18.35	25.52	23.72	15.94
Volum e Traded	320	40	1,260	1,508	647	2,030
Volume Exported	280	-	1,097	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	27.61	27.53	17.96	21.74	20.16	12.77
Volume Traded	7,046	5,069	7,270	14,374	12,334	10,697
Volume Exported	5,761	4,269	6,564	2,757	2,830	2,336
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	21.00	-	14.00
Volum e Traded	-	-	-	522	-	440
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.



LIVE HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-SEPTEMBER-08

SOUTH CENTRAL

AT FARM BUYER LOADING

Trading was slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were improving. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

SOUTHEAST

Prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair to mostly moderate for the generally adequate offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was at least moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

RANGE MAJORITY WTD

AVG 10.46

7-13.25 CENTS/LB.

AT FARM BUYER LOADING AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING **FOB PLANT**

AVG 10.27 7.5-15 CENTS/LB.

TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT

RANGE MAJORITY WTD

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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